THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR); (a) to (c) Hed-ges futures trding in raw jute stands prohibited since September, 1964. The Government have also created a buffer stock for raw jute tor disciplining the market flucluaion. Prices ot" raw jute arc ruling at or above the statutory minimum levels.in order to ensure that India's participation in global tenders is not adversely affected by speculation in raw jute prices, the market trends are continuously monitored and fluctuations in Prices are kept under control through various measures.

Holding of the posts of directors in foreign firms by Scindias

2450. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Madhav Rao Scindia and Smt. Vijaya Raje Scindia were Directors of M|S. P. M. Engines Ltd., U.K., M|s. F. H. Schule, GmbH and Radley Cotton Mills Ltd. of Canada;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Directorship in the above companies was because Scindia's Trust in U.K. had advanced a large amount as loan to these firms;

(c) whether RBI permission was taken for becoming Directors in foreign compa nies and also for extending loans given to these companies; and

(d) if not, whether this amounts to violation of Sections 25 and 27 of FERA 1973?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (d) According to information available with Government Shri Madhav Rao Scindia was a director in three companies, viz. M|s. F. H. Schule. GmbH, West Oer-many, M|s. Radley Cotton Mills Ltd., Canada and M|s. Fort Investments Ltd . Sri Lanka. Smt. Vijaya Raje Scindia was. a director of M|s. Fort Investments Ltd. Regarding PM Engines Ltd., no information is available.

Permission to indain residents for hold ing directorship of concerns outside lndia is being given by the Central Government under Section 27, Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973'.

Shri Scindia had informed the Government in June, 1975 of his directorships in the above companies and sought permission for continuing to hold these directorships. Shri Scindia informed RBI that he ceases to be a director of M|s. F. H. Schule, GmbH in 1979 and he resigned from the directorship of the other two companies in December, 1984 on becoming ' a Minister. Smt. Vijaya Raje Scindi was given permission of the Governmen in 1977 for associating as a director of M's, Fort Investments Ltd. Sri Lanka.

The records of RBI reveal that the solicitors of Shri Scindia had informed RBI in 1971 that all the estate and assets of Shri Jiwajirao Scindia in U.K. were vested in English Administrators of the estate. The division of the assets vested in English administrators could not be resolved for want of consensus among legal heirs. The annual returns of foreign currency balances and other assets in London have been submitted to RBI for the period upto 31st March, 1985.

Demonstration by Mother Dairy Workers' Welfare Union

2451. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mother Dairy Workers' Welfare Union, Delhi had demonstrated at Trilokpuri against S.I. (Sardar Gur-deep Singh) for harassment raiding of houses of 21 Mother Dairy employee? around 10-11 P.M. on 7th September. ? 1987 and for rounding up without warrant and for keeping them locked up, and

(b) if so, whether the irresponsible and guilty police Inspector has been punished on the basis of FIR|MLC lodged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations made against the Investigation Officer have been looked in-io and have not been found substantiated.

On the complaint of the Secretary Mother Dairy Employees' Union, a cast; under section 307134 IPC was registered at the Police Station, Trilokpuri. The compIaint was to the effect that the Secretary and the General secretary of the (Jnior, had been assaulted in the evening - of 7th August, 1987 at the gate of Mother Dairy by several persons with iron rods, hockeys and a dagger. 3 accused persons were arrested on the 13 August, 1987 and the Sub-Inspector incharge of the investigation of the case had gone to South Ganesh Nagar on the 7l8 September, 1987 to apprehend the remaining accused, who escaped by jumping from the roof of the house raided. 4 inmates of the house were brought to 'he Police Station for interrogation about the absconding accused and were released after interrogation. No one was beaten by the Police. Th absconding persons 'have since surrendered at Police Station Trilokpuri on the 4th November, 1987.

Anti-dumping duty on PFY

2452. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for aboli tion of anti-dumping duty on PFY:

(b) whether Government have dis cussed the matter with the Associa tion of Synthetic Fibre Industry before taking such a step; and

(c) if so, what are the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI); (a) to (c) There is no anti-dumping duty on. polyester filament yarn. The Government had reduced the basic customs duty on polyester filament yarn from 200 per cent *ad valorem* plus Rs. 15 per Kg. to 200 per cent ad *valorem* with effect from 18th June, 1986. This duty reduction was made to create a salutary effect on the prices of indigenous polyester filament yarn, which were showing an upward trend, after taking into account the representations received from the polyester filament yarn user industry and the Association of Synthetic Fibre Industry.

Approval of agency agreement by RBI

2453. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) usually how long the RBI takes in registering and/or approving an agency agreement between an Indian Company and their agents abroad wherein the payments of commission money in foreign exchange is involved:

(b) whether it is a fact that the RBI had approved an agency agreement on or about 7th March, 1986 within less than 8 days of its application being received by the Reserve Bank of India;

(c) what are the names and addresses of the Indian as well as foreign parties involved in this agency agreement;

(d) whether the application was in order:

(e) whether any special favour was done while approving the agency ag-reement; and